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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Naoki MURASE, *et al.*

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For: COLORED BUILDING BOARDS,  
MANUFACTURING METHODS THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patent  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A colored building board comprising:
  - a front layer having a first density, the front layer having main components including a wood material(s) and a self-curing inorganic material(s);
  - a back layer having a second density, the back layer having main components including a wood material(s) and a self-curing inorganic material(s); and
  - a core layer having a third density that is lower in density when compared with said first density and said second density, the core layer having main components including a wood material(s) and a self-curing inorganic material(s);